## King County Prosecuting Attorney





Norm MALENG Republican

Thank you for the honor of serving as your King County Prosecuting Attorney. Our mission is not just to win cases, but to serve the cause of justice with fairness and integrity. I am extremely proud to lead a group of highly professional men and women who strive to uphold these ideals every day.

My number one priority has always been to prosecute aggressively the thousands of criminal cases that come to my office. At the same time, I have and will continue to play a strong leadership role in seeking innovative reform of our criminal justice system.

Several of my top priorities over the next four years will be:

- Safety in our schools: Schools must be a place where our children can be nurtured and educated free of the fear of weapons, drugs and violence. I will continue to work hard to make every school campus safe for kids who want to learn.
- **Protection of the vulnerable:** As our population ages, the chance that the elderly will become victims of physical abuse, neglect and economic crimes increases. I will work to protect our senior citizens and make sure the criminal justice system is sensitive and responsive to the special needs of this population.
- Reform of drug laws: Drug laws should be tough and emphasize accountability but also hold out hope for redemption through treatment. To bring a balance between treatment and punishment, I began the first drug court in the state and last year led a successful bi-partisan legislative effort to redirect funds from the prison system to the drug treatment programs.

It is my honor to serve as your Prosecuting Attorney. Thank you for the trust that you have placed in me.

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# Metropolitan King County Council



Dow CONSTANTINE Democrat

Growing up in West Seattle, **Dow Constantine** learned the value of community: Neighbors joining together to support one another, and the next generation, in ways that government can't.

Today, **Councilmember Dow Constantine** is a respected leader in our community and region. His focus is on one, overarching goal: Government must foster community, not undermine it.

**Dow** has worked tirelessly to improve local schools, save vanishing greenbelts, and preserve neighborhoods. He fought the Maury Island strip mine and founded the Maury Island Conservation Initiative to protect one of our last stretches of wild Puget Sound shoreline. He believes in keeping our communities great places to live, raise families, and grow old.

As Chair of the Council's Labor, Operations and Technology Committee, **Dow** emphasizes government efficiency. He insists that government must aggressively innovate to wring every bit of value from each dollar, and that front-line workers — not consultants and managers — know from experience how best to improve vital services while saving money.

**Dow** graduated from West Seattle High School and earned Bachelor's, Master's, and Law Degrees at the University of Washington. An attorney for twelve years, Dow served with distinction as our State Representative (1997-2000) and State Senator (2000-2002).

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Oudom DANH Republican

Our Community deserves low taxes and the resulting economic growth necessary for support of valued public services!

No County has ever taxed itself into prosperity and that is why I ask for your vote. My experience with counseling youth connects me with their need for positive pursuits in education, employment and community service. As your Councilmember, I will be alert to the effects of regulation and taxation upon education and employment opportunities for youth and all residents.

Combined with full funding of King County's primary Law and Justice function, a growing economy will keep our communities safe.

Billion dollar so-called transportation projects do not always deliver value to commuters or industries. As steward of your tax dollars, I will only support smart and effective transportation projects.

I will bring discipline to a King County Council that has recently been distracted by foreign policy junkets to Cuba, \$100,000 lollipop funds and pipe dreams of a new Utility Tax or Business and Occupation Tax.

If you elect me, I promise to vote to keep King County taxes low and family-wage jobs inside King County. I will be a part of your solution.

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Michael NELSON Libertarian

I'm always searching for the cheaper way. Unfortunately, the Council is overspending, and the voters usually vote for the big spenders, whereas government can often be improved by making government smaller.

Within our free-enterprise system, we build our prosperity on the foundation of the law-of-supply-and-demand. But our government often puts our economy into a strait-jacket, thereby retarding our living standard.

It is wrong of the Council to chain us out of our parks. We are the owners. We should always have access to our government property.

To reduce traffic congestion, we should abolish government imposed height-restrictions which have produced urban sprawl. Instead let's allow beautiful, high-rise condominiums to be built which leads to traffic reduction because the inhabitants are usually closer to where they want to be.

Government should make parking easy by using part of our user, gas tax to build free parking areas and garages.

At the government mandated minimum wage, homeless people have difficulty finding jobs. Therefore, I challenge government to become the employer-of-last-resort.

Also, let's promote movie-making in King County.

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# King County District Court Seattle Electoral District Judge



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Barbara LINDE Non Partisan

It has been my privilege to serve as Judge since my election in 1994. I feel both honored and awed by the responsibility entrusted to me as Judge, and I take this position of trust and authority very seriously. I have earned a reputation for excellence over the past 8 years, as reflected in lawyers groups' ratings, appellate reviews of individual cases, and numerous letters from members of the public who have taken the time to share with me positive feedback about my work.

#### In my next term I will continue to work to make justice a reality in every case.

These next four years will be very challenging for the District Court. Severe budget cuts require the Court to work smarter to become more efficient, while still serving justice. I've been appointed to a leadership role to guide the Court through a difficult but necessary process of reorganization to meet these challenges countywide. I feel honored to have been asked to serve the Court in this way. Three years ago I led the Court's creation and implementation of a specialized Domestic Violence Court. I look forward to working to preserve fairness and justice in our Courts.

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Mark C. CHOW Non Partisan

It has been my honor to serve as your Seattle District Court Judge for the past twelve years. I look forward to continue that public service for another term.

During my last term, I have been pioneering the newly created King County Mental Health Court. This dynamic voluntary Court is one of the leading such Courts in the United States. As an alternative to "sitting in jail" the Court's goals are: 1. Community Safety; 2. Service System Integration; 3. Reduction of Criminalization of the Mentally III.

The Court has been 51% successful and dramatically reduced recidivism. Through efficiency, while maintaining therapeutic aspects, the caseload handled by Mental Health Court has more than doubled since its inception.

Activities Outside Courtroom: Five years State Judicial Education Committee; Two terms Seattle Division Presiding Judge; Three years Mental Health Court Presiding Judge.

Participant: Domestic Violence Summit; Regional Education Program; Juvenile Justice Roundtable; Trial Court Coordination Council.

Presenter/Speaker: State Judicial College; Dispute Resolution Training Workshops; State Judicial Conferences; Franklin High Law Program.

Community Activities: Urban 4-H Club of America; Senior Citizen Annual Dinner; Coach for Inner-City School; Youth Soccer. I will continue to be Open, Fair and Hardworking. Thank you for your Confidence, Support and Vote.

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Art CHAPMAN Non Partisan

Judge Art Chapman has been with Seattle Municipal Court for two years. He's rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the King County Bar, Loren Miller Bar and Asian Bar. His experience, fairness, decisiveness, and dedication make him the best choice

Judge Chapman currently presides over Mental Health Court, handling criminal justice and mental health problems that too often end violently on our streets. Judges today must address social problems before they become criminal. That's why Judge Chapman is running. In addition, Judge Chapman has also served on judicial committees seeking to eliminate sexual discrimination in the courts.

A local resident for 35 years, Judge Chapman knows Seattle's diverse communities. He's been both a prosecutor and civil attorney. Art understands the tough decisions citizens expect. He deserves your support.

Judge Chapman's supporters include: Seattle City Attorney Tom Carr; past U.S. Attorney Mike McKay; Court of Appeals Judge Ann Schindler; Presiding Superior Court Judge Richard Eadie; Criminal Presiding Jeffrey Ramsdell; Judge Michael Spearman; the Honorable Terence Carroll, and every single Seattle Municipal Court Judge. He's received endorsements from the 46th, 36th, 34th, 43rd District Democrats and the King County Central Committee.

Art lives in central Seattle with his wife and two teen-age sons.

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Susan J. NOONAN Non Partisan

Judge Darcy C. Goodman is retiring from this position and has endorsed my candidacy.

A lifelong resident of Washington State, born in Vancouver, Washington on August 4, 1953, I graduated from the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound School of Law. My entire legal career has been spent in the Seattle area. I served as a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County as a trial and supervising attorney. I tried hundreds of cases and supervised the District Court Unit. In the private sector I have represented individuals in employment related cases. I have served in King County District Courts as a Judge pro tem. I am a board member of the **Washington Women Lawyers Foundation**. I was a Visiting Professor of Law at the UPS Law School for two years.

Controlling the costs of our courts will be a prime issue facing any judge. I have the experience to address those concerns. I respectfully request your vote.

ENDORSED BY: Honorable Bobbe Bridge, Washington Supreme Court, Honorable Susan R. Agid, Court of Appeals Division 1, Superior Court Judges Cheryl Carey, Joan DuBuque, Steven Scott. CAMPAIGN ADDRESS: 707 E. Harrison, Seattle, WA 98102 TELEPHONE: 206.281.7887



# King County District Court Seattle Electoral District Judge

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Eileen A. KATO Non Partisan

Judge Eileen Kato was appointed to the King County District Court in June 1994. She is an active member of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association, where she currently serves as Vice President. Judge Kato was recently elected Chair of the American Bar Association's Conference of Specialized Court Judges. Her commitment to judicial education is demonstrated by her national and state leadership positions. She remains active in the community as a board member and frequent speaker to youth organizations.

"It has been a privilege to serve as a King County District Court Judge during the past eight years. I have had the opportunity to serve as Presiding Judge in the Seattle Division of the King County District Court in 1997 and 2002. My concern and commitment as a Judge is to ensure fair and equal access to justice by providing every person entering the courtroom with courtesy, respect, and dignity without regard to race, gender, economic status or disability. It is my commitment as a Judge in our community to ensure that fairness and justice prevail in every case."

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Mariane C. SPEARMAN Non Partisan

Mariane Spearman was appointed Judge of King County District Court, Seattle Division, in July 2000, by unanimous vote of the Metropolitan King County Council. Last year she presided over Domestic Violence Court, a specialized calendar designed to respond to the needs of domestic violence victims for protection and to the needs of offenders for treatment. This year Judge Spearman is one of several district court judges who have been handling juvenile offender matters in superior court.

Attorneys and litigants who appear in court have a right to expect a judge who will listen carefully to the testimony, keep an open mind until both sides have had an opportunity to be heard, follow the law and reach a decision that is fair. Judge Spearman is committed to maintaining these standards of conduct in each and every case and appreciates the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of King County over the next four years.

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# King County District Court Shoreline Electoral District Judge



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Douglas J. SMITH Non Partisan

I was a deputy prosecutor for five years in the King County Prosecutor's Office. After seven years of criminal defense and private practice, I became a pro tem judge at Shoreline District Court. In 1989, I was appointed to the first of three terms as municipal judge for Lake Forest Park. In 1990, I was elected Shoreline District Court Judge, re-elected in 1994 and 1998.

I have consistently been highly rated among (the top 10) district and municipal judges in King County. I wish to continue to serve my community in this office and to address the very real budget crisis affecting the district courts and all levels of our judiciary.

We're committed to providing the best possible services to the community and to make the court available to our teachers and excellent mock trial and student court teams at Shorewood and Shorecrest high school.

My wife, Judy, and I have four sons, three daughters-in-law, five grandchildren. I have been a coach, reader mentor, Rotarian, parishioner and runner. I currently serve on the board of the Shoreline YMCA. Thank you for your continued support and confidence.

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Robert A. WACKER Non Partisan

The District Court System has undergone profound change not only as result of increased work load but also the mandate of legal requirements.

I believe the citizens of King County can be proud of the manner in which the District Court Judiciary has responded. We have adopted computerized docketing of court records; a Judicial Information System providing quick access to necessary data. We have restructured our County in Judicial Districting to accommodate necessary transfer of work load to Divisions within the county.

I look forward to continue to serve the people of this county with the idea that Judges should always be seeking to better serve the needs of the community while still protecting the rights of the individual. CAMPAIGN ADDRESS: 19839 8th Avenue N.W., Shoreline, WA 98177 TELEPHONE: 206.542.3906

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### **King County District Court Southwest Electoral District Judge**

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Corinna **HARN** Non Partisan

Early identification of children in danger and effective intervention is crucial to reducing the number of persons in our jails and the cost of criminal justice as a whole. (It is often too late, and certainly more expensive, when children in danger have become dangerous children or adults). Such intervention requires adequate funding of the courts, prosecutor, public defender, police, jail, and services for indigent individuals who need drug/ alcohol, mental health, domestic violence, and anger management treatment or parenting, independent living skills, and other educational classes. Further budgetary cuts in these areas will have short and long-term detrimental consequences affecting the safety of our community. We should not simply stop treating, educating, arresting, prosecuting, or sending criminals to jail, because the cost seems high now. The cost will be much higher later.

Judge Harn is fair, experienced and committed to the District Court and her community. Re-elect Judge Harn.

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Vicki M. **SEITZ** Non Partisan

I have been privileged to serve all the people of King County as the District Court Judge in the Southwest Division for the past twelve years. And I take this privilege very seriously every day. We believe that an honest, impartial and law abiding judiciary is essential to our legal system and democracy. Our judiciary protects individual rights and society's values against anyone or anything that would deprive us. I work hard every day to uphold our laws, to appear and act fairly to everyone, and to be patient with every person in my court regardless of their ethnic background, native language, and physical or mental disabilities.

In the past four years, I started the District Court Relicensing Program for King County. This program helps hundreds of people pay or work off their traffic ticket fines and get their drivers licenses as well as motor vehicle insurance. It is in our best interests for all of us to be driving the roads with other licensed and insured drivers.

As a judge, I am a dedicated public servant, and I will continue to work hard for the next four years.

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**David** CHRISTIE Non Partisan

Ratings: EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED, King County Bar Association; GOOD, Seattle Municipal League. Education: Highline High School, 1969; U.W. History and Political Science, 1973; J.D. Seattle University, 1987. Nonlegal Experience: Twelve years fisheries and construction both as employee and selfemployed contractor. Legal/Judicial Experience: Judge pro tem experience from 1988 to the present. Fourteen years civil and criminal trial experience including approximately 100 jury trials and many more bench trials. My practice includes estate planning, construction, real property, and contracts. My wife of 28 years and I have two children in the Highline Schools, we both came of age here, and are committed to this community.

I ask for your vote to succeed retiring Judge Richard Thompson. I have the professional experience, community dedication and commitment to the judicial system that we need in our local court. My father, William B. Christie began practice in Burien in the 50's. As a second generation lawyer here, I am intimately aware of the services needed from our local court. Endorsements: Endorsements too numerous to mention, but include every judge within the Southwest District Court jurisdiction and many community leaders. For complete endorsements see www.davidchristieforjudge.com.



Kris **JENSEN** Non Partisan

Kris Jensen has eight years of judicial experience as Judge pro tem in the Superior, District and Municipal Courts of King County. He has handled trials in Southwest District Court as both judge pro tem and attorney. He understands the role of judge, having taken over 60 cases to jury trial and well over 200 cases to bench trial. Kris was a Boeing engineer before attending law school. He lives in Burien with his wife and their two sons.

ENDORSERS: Kris Jensen's experience and community involvement have earned him endorsements from democrats, republicans and independents, including: Supreme Court Justice retired Phil Talmadge, Judges LeRoy McCullough, Cheryl Carey and Terry Jurado, Senator Adam Kline, Mayor Wing Woo, Burien City Council members including Stephen Lamphear and Noel Gibb, former mayor Kitty Milne, former city council member Georgette Valle and the King County Police Officers and Correctional Officers Guilds.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Current member of the Burien Economic Development Partnership; Chairman of Burien Cleansweep for three years; Membership in Rotary, South King County Bar Association and Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce. Judge to Future Business Leaders of America high school students and donor to the Ruth Dykeman Children's Center.

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# King County District Court Renton Electoral District Judge



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Judge McBeth has served as the elected judge of the Renton Division, King County District Court since 1981. He is a Past-President of the Washington State District and Municipal Court Judges Association, having served on its Board of Governors 1990-1997. He has previously served as a member of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission (Technical Advisor) and Board for Judicial Administration, which act to provide guidance and leadership for all levels of court in Washington. Judge McBeth served as a member of the Washington State Commission on Justice, Efficiency and Accountability, charged with reviewing the efficiency and accountability of all levels of courts in Washington.

Judge McBeth serves as a faculty member of the National Judicial College and Washington Judicial College.

Judge McBeth has been an active member of Renton Rotary, and has served as a citizen advisor for Cascade Elementary School, Talbot Hill Elementary School and Renton Alternative High School. He was a founder/Board Member of the Talbot Hill Elementary School Education Trust Fund.

Judge McBeth is married to Kathy, a Renton school teacher, and they have two grown children.

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Charles John DELAURENTI, II Non Partisan

I seek your vote for re-election to the King County District Court, Renton Division, Position 2. I am a lifelong Renton resident. I graduated from Renton High School, 1961, Seattle University, 1965, and Gonzaga Law School, 1969.

I was law clerk for the Chief Justice of Washington State Supreme Court, 1969-70, a member of the King County Prosecutor's office, 1970-82, where I served in the criminal, juvenile, and civil divisions.

I was appointed to the bench on February 8, 1982, and have been continually elected to the position. I have broad support from the South King County community, am supported by police officers, and was highly rated by the attorneys who appear before me.

As a Judge I am committed to a fair but firm application of the laws. The courts are currently involved in a budget crisis but I am committed to provide service to all who use the court. I have been involved in the state judges' association and was education chair for 12 years. I was a proponent for required continuing legal education for judges which is now the rule.

I am married to Jeanette and we have two children Lynne and David.

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## Proposed Seattle Monorail Authority Seattle Citizen Petition No. 1

### **BALLOT TITLE**

### SEATTLE CITIZEN PETITION NO. 1 PROPOSED SEATTLE MONORAIL AUTHORITY

Legal voters of the City of Seattle submit Citizen Petition No. 1, which concerns the development of a monorail transportation system within Seattle. This proposition would create a Seattle monorail authority to plan, acquire, finance, build and operate a city monorail system pursuant to the plan adopted by the Elevated Transportation Company on August 5, 2002. The authority can levy an annual special excise tax not to exceed 1.4% on the value of every motor vehicle owned by a Seattle resident for the privilege of using a motor vehicle and issue not more than \$1.5 billion in bonds for an initial line and second-line planning.

Should this measure be approved:

YES?

NO?

### **Explanatory Statement**

Citizen Petition No. 1 proposes to create a Seattle monorail authority and implement the initial phase of a city monorail system by constructing and operating a 14 mile monorail line from Ballard and West Seattle to Downtown (the Green Line).

If approved, the monorail authority would be a new governmental authority with a nine-member governing board. The members of the Elevated Transportation Company would serve as the Interim Board. Within 14 months following voter approval of this proposition, a monorail authority Board, nominated and appointed by a combination of the Interim Board, the City Council and the Mayor, shall assume governance. Beginning 2003, two positions shall be elected, and between 2005 and 2009, the monorail authority will submit a proposal to the voters to make a majority of the Board positions elected.

To finance the initial segment of the monorail system, the monorail authority could levy and collect a 1.4% motor vehicle excise tax (MVET). The MVET would annually cost car owners in the city of Seattle 1.4% of the value of their vehicle; e.g., the owner of a \$10,000 car would pay \$140 a year. Without further voter approval, the monorail authority would not be able to: (1) issue more than \$1.5 billion of debt (in 2002 dollars) for an initial line and second-line planning; (2) continue to levy the MVET after all the initial phase debt has been paid; or (3) use the MVET after 2020 to pay for the non-capital costs of operating or maintaining the Green Line.

### Statement for

Monorail is an excellent solution to Seattle's traffic problems. It is cost-effective transit that will enhance Seattle's quality of life.

<u>Monorails do not get stuck in traffic.</u> Monorails will arrive at stations every 4-10 minutes, whisking people (69,000 trips per day) to their desired destinations.

Monorail connects. The first phase of the monorail connects people to downtown and our neighborhoods, connects to ferries, the bus tunnel, regional transit at King Street Station, and moves people around the city above traffic congestion.

<u>Environmental choice.</u> Monorails are quiet and non-polluting. The estimated twenty million monorail trips per year will improve the environment

<u>Cost-effective transportation.</u> Monorails are relatively inexpensive to construct and can operate without ongoing operating subsidies.

<u>Broad support.</u> Monorail supporters include League of Women Voters, Washington Conservation Voters, King County Labor Council, King County Democratic Party, Sierra Club, Speaker Frank Chopp, environmentalist Denis Hayes, Dick Falkenbury, Peter Sherwin, Judy Runstad and many more.

Re-elect the monorail. Voters twice passed citizen initiatives to plan a monorail. After hundreds of public meetings and thousands of citizen suggestions, the plan (at <a href="https://www.elevated.org">www.elevated.org</a>) is complete.

This is our chance to begin building a citywide monorail, with operations commencing in 2007. Please vote YES.

### Rebuttal of statement against

Don't be misled by opponents with no solutions.

- Opponents knowingly misstate the monorail's new transit ridership; it is 38% greater than they claim.
- Opponents knowingly overstate the tax; owners of a median value car pay only \$94.
- Monorail is less expensive than other major transportation projects (Viaduct, 405 and 520 expansions, Sound Transit).
- Twenty million monorail trips per year significantly increases northsouth capacity through Seattle.

We've waited 40 years.

Vote Yes!

**STATEMENT PREPARED BY:** DANIEL J. EVANS, JIM McDERMOTT, GREG NICKELS

### Statement against

A Letter to Seattle Citizens

From Former Mayor Charles Royer

I think we need to look carefully at the real issues surrounding the monorail proposal.

At \$1,700,000,000, it is the largest tax increase we have ever considered

For our families the yearly cost is staggering. Do the math. Take the total value of your vehicles multiplied by 1.4%. Now multiply by 30 years, <u>that's</u> your cost.

(Today, a family with a 1999 Honda and 2000 Volkswagen will pay \$548.)

It's unfair...but worse, the monorail won't solve our problems:

- We need to fix the Viaduct and Mercer mess. The monorail won't help.
- We have daily traffic jams on I-5. The monorail won't help there either.
- 82 percent of projected riders already take Metro buses. The monorail won't even take cars off the road.

Instead, for one line running Ballard-to-West Seattle, we risk damage to our environment, vistas and streets - leaving 3/4 of Seattle without service.

With cuts coming everywhere, this is no time to throw \$1,700,000,000 at a plan that doesn't pencil out.

After a closer look, it's clear that the facts don't support the monorail claims. Let's get down to earth and support real <u>regional</u> solutions.

### Rebuttal of statement for

Read on:

Cost? \$1,700,000,000 minimum.

Your cost? A lot. Many families will pay over \$500/year...for 30 years. Will it help? No. A Ballard-West Seattle monorail won't serve our most congested streets. Congestion, pollution, traffic will get worse leaving less money for a real solution.

Winners? Contractors and developers.

Losers? 3/4 of Seattle neighborhoods aren't served.

What should we do? Save our money for a plan that works.

What's missing? A solution. Please vote "No."

www.citizensagainstthemonorail.org

**STATEMENT PREPARED BY: CHARLES ROYER** 

## Fire Protection District No. 13 Proposition No. 1



### **BALLOT TITLE**

## PROPOSITION NO. 1 PROPOSAL TO INCREASE NUMBER OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Shall the Board of Commissioners for Vashon Island Fire & Rescue, King County Fire Protection District No. 13, be increased from three members to five members?

YES NO

### **Explanatory Statement**

Washington State Law, at RCW 52.14.015, allows increasing the board of commissioners of a fire protection district from three to five, with voter approval. The two additional positions would be filled by registered voters who reside anywhere in the fire district. For approval, such a proposition requires a simple majority of the resident electors casting ballots on the measure.

The Board of Fire Commissioners for Vashon Island Fire & Rescue (Fire District No. 13) has passed a resolution determining that it would be in the best interest of the district and its citizens to increase the number of fire commissioners from three to five. The resolution states that the purpose of the measure is to encourage broader public discussion of and participation in the decision making function of the Board. Adding two fire commissioners to the Board would increase representation from the community.

Population growth and the increasing number of 911 responses continues to make the provision of fire and emergency services more complex. A larger Board of elected officials will help to deal with this increasing complexity. This change would also allow the Commissioners to appoint committees of the Board to study issues for presentation to the full Board.

### Statement for

In April, 2000 Vashon Fire District #13 prioritized recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the Board of Commissioners. One way to reach this goal was to increase the number of Board members to five. This would allow for the following:

Having five members on the Board means that two Commissioners can serve on special subcommittees to address the issues affecting fire and emergency services. When two members constitute a majority of the Board (as on a three-person board), state law prohibits them from meeting together to discuss District issues.

Subcommittees make it possible for elected representatives to develop expertise in such areas as finance, training, fire prevention and planning. Subcommittees provide knowledge and background information to the entire Board of Commissioners. Better understanding of the issues facing our community Commissioners would provide better representation to citizens.

There is more opportunity for a quorum with five members. Absenteeism is less detrimental with a five-member commission. The absence of one member would not forestall discussions or votes on issues scheduled for hearing.

A broader base of input on Board decisions will be available with five members. As our Island has increased in population, so should our representation on various Boards and Commissions.

### Rebuttal of statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.

### Statement against

Adding two new commissioners at this time would be DISASTROUS for Vashon:

- The public would have no say in the selection process; the current Commissioners themselves would APPOINT the two. This would worsen the current pattern of actions being taken that is contrary to the clearly stated desires of Islanders. An example: the recent decision to move fire and aid dispatch services off the Island.
- With the current board of three commissioners, it is illegal for any two of them to meet in secret or in private. Not so with five commissioners; Any two of them could LEGALLY hold private and/or secret meetings whenever they desired. Decisions could and would be made outside of any public scrutiny.

Until we resolve the moral, ethical, and legal issues surrounding these commissioners (with a RECALL underway), now is the WRONG time to let THEM APPOINT more like-minded commissioners. Under the circumstances, we need more Democracy, not less.

### Rebuttal of statement for

Controversy is rampant regarding the manner in which the commissioners make decisions. "Subcommittee" is political spin for secret/private meetings where policy can be crafted and beyond the purview of public scrutiny. We can ill afford to trust unresponsive men to APPOINT others who ARE. Support honesty and integrity. Consider the process by which local dispatch was removed.

Make your voice heard. Vote NO.

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